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Indonesia: The anniversary celebration of the Bandung Afro-Asian conference was rancorously anti-Western but apparently unsubstantive.

The Djakarta phase of the celebration lasted from 17 to 20 April, but festivities in other parts of Indonesia will continue until 26 April. Chou En-lai is among the delegates lingering in Indonesia. Chinese Foreign Minister Chen Yi, however, has left.

The chief Japanese delegate had three separate sessions with Sukarno on the Malaysian problem. With Sukarno's consent he went to Malaysia and proposed a meeting in Tokyo between Sukarno and Malaysian Prime Minister Rahman. Rahman agreed to attend, but Sukarno has not yet made his position clear.

Once the celebration is over Indonesia is expected to return to matters which were held in abeyance during most of April: repressive action against remaining anti-Communist elements; further Communist pressure against American presence in Indonesia; and increased paramilitary activity against Malaysia.

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Congo: [Relations between President Kasavubu and Premier Tshombé have entered a "new and difficult" phase, [redacted]]

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[The immediate issue is the question of just when the present Tshombé government will be dissolved. Tshombé is insisting that his government remain in office until presidential elections, which are at least eight months away. Kasavubu, on the other hand, says a new government should be installed immediately after the current parliamentary elections.]

[Kasavubu appears to be trying to strike a bargain with Tshombé which would ensure his own retention of the presidency. The presidency, rather than the premiership, is the constitutional locus of power, and only the president can dismiss the premier. Tshombé almost certainly has his eye on the powers of the presidency and, if these are denied him by Kasavubu, Tshombé almost certainly will seek the top spot himself.]

[Supporters of former premier Adoula--the so-called "Binza" group--are adding to the strains by alleging that Kasavubu does not intend even to rename Tshombé as premier. This seems unlikely, but Tshombé is taking the precaution of moving a 20-man mercenary force and some 300 Katangan police into Leopoldville, ostensibly to be on hand during the elections there on 26-27 April.]

[Voting in the elections has been completed in seven of the 21 provinces, and is in progress in 11 others. Results are slow in coming. While Kasavubu suffered some reverses in his normal stronghold, Tshombé swept the elections in Katanga. The US Embassy believes that the majority of the deputies elected to the National Assembly will be associated in varying degrees with Tshombé's CONACO party.]

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USSR-Berlin: The Soviets and East Germans have probably been encouraged by the results of their recent harassment of the Bundestag meeting, and may exploit future opportunities to provoke disagreement between Bonn and the Allied governments. For example, West German President Luebke's visit to West Berlin on 25-27 April may prompt a verbal attack on Bonn's continuing effort to play up its links with the city. Moscow might even adopt sterner measures--possibly including low-key harassment tactics.

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Guatemala: [Terrorists damaged the main power line leading into Guatemala City this week in what a Guatemalan official described as a highly professional job. This action could be the work of agents of Roberto Alejos, a wealthy political exile, [redacted]

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[redacted] Power supply lines are also a favorite target of Cuban-supported guerrillas. [redacted]

Uruguay: Uruguay's overextended banking system is under new pressure as the result of a run on the country's second largest private bank which consequently passed into receivership on 21 April. The reserves of the central bank will probably be inadequate if runs develop on other banks, and a loss of confidence in the government could ensue. A Communist-led bank employees' strike is having the effect of postponing such runs, but tension *seems likely to rise.* [may rise] [over the week end.] The [expected] arrival in Montevideo of several hundred sugar workers, bent on protesting their own economic grievances, may prove an additional source of tension. [redacted]

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Chile - Communist China: [Several Chilean Christian Democratic parliamentarians have been invited to visit Communist China this summer, [redacted]

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[redacted] The group will not be an official government delegation, but will carry credentials from President Frei, who personally approved the trip, and from the Christian Democratic Party. The trip apparently will be financed by the Chinese through a Chilean tourist agency which arranges tours to Communist countries. [redacted]

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